



Celebrate Easter and Christ's
Ascension All Year Long

God is doing something **NEW**
in and for you every day
of your **LIFE**.

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**I AM ASCENDING TO
MY FATHER AND YOUR FATHER,
TO MY GOD AND YOUR GOD.**

-JOHN 20:17




Jesus was resurrected bodily and later ascended into the heavenly realms to sit at the Father's right hand as our Great High Priest forever, still fully God and man.

Jesus didn't lay aside his humanity when he ascended into the heavenly realm.

His divine nature and human nature were forever joined as one when the Word became flesh.

The implications of the continuing, vicarious humanity of Jesus Christ are mind-blowing once you see them.





Jesus' Ascension means an empathetic, glorified human being, now and forever, has continuous, intimate access to the fellowship of the Trinity, sharing all that they are and have with us, and all that we are with them.

When Jesus died, we died in him.
(2Cor 5:14; Gal 2:14)

When Jesus rose again, we rose with him.
(Rom 6:1-10)

When Jesus ascended, we ascended with him. (Eph 2:4-7)



1Peter 1:3 (MIRROR Bible)

“³ Let us celebrate the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ with articulate acclaim. According to his matchless mercy and tender compassions, he birthed us again when Jesus was raised from the dead.

In him, we were rebooted to live the authentic life of our design; while participating in a living hope, witnessing the Father's expectation of the ages unfold in us!

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John 14:2-3 in The MIRROR

² “What makes my Father’s house home, is your place in it! If this was not the ultimate conclusion of my mission, why would I even bother to do what I am about to do if it was not to prepare a place for you? I have come to persuade you of a place of seamless oneness where you belong.”

(Jesus was not about to become a building contractor in heaven. He is not in the mansion building-business, as some translations will imply!

In his death and resurrection he would prepare a place for us of restored, intimate oneness with himself and the Father in Spirit and in truth. Now we may be where he is, wrapped up in the same, inseparable union. See Jn 14:20).



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Encountering Jesus in Every Person and Place

Awakened by Amazing Grace

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Living an “AS IF” Life of Faith from the “I AM’s” of Jesus

Most of us struggle to live from and enjoy the essential truth of our being and beloved identity that is rooted in Jesus’ own being and identity as the Father’s beloved Son.

John’s Gospel reveals that the eternal Word, who was face to face with the Father from all eternity, has fully ‘entered the room’ of our humanity, unveiling God’s glory in us, so that we might increasingly see, know and enjoy the truth of his “I AM-ness” as our own.


**ABIDE IN MY
LOVE...YOU
SHALL BEAR
MUCH FRUIT.**

JOHN 15:1-17

Jesus “I AM” declaration and ongoing invitation to experientially abide in and make ourselves at home in his love is rooted in his own knowing and resting in His Father’s loving affirmation.

- Michael Lafleur (May 8th 2022)

What is the difference between an “AS IF” statement and an “IF” statement in relation to our understanding of what’s true about God, ourselves, the world, etc.?



and you will know the **TRUTH,**
and the truth will set you free.

John 8:32

What is the difference between an “**AS IF**” statement and an “**IF**” statement in relation to our understanding of what’s true about God, ourselves, the world, etc.?

One is Subjective and Conditional: everything rests on the ability and performance of a person to realize it’s truth for/by themselves; something’s true only if/until/unless they succeed in making it true.

One is Objective and Relational: reckoning on something or someone as objectively true/real outside of oneself that invites our participation to perceive, enjoy and live out its implications.

E.g. “Confess your sins to **BE** forgiven...” in 1Jn 1:9 versus
“Confess your sins **AS IF** you are already forgiven...”

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John 14:20-26 MIRROR

²⁰ In that day you will know that we are in seamless union with one another! I am in my Father, you are in me and I am in you!

*(Note that it is not our knowing that positions Jesus in the Father or us in them! Our knowing simply **awakens us** to the reality of our redeemed union! Gold does not become gold when it is discovered but it certainly becomes currency!)*

**I AM CRUCIFIED WITH CHRIST:
NEVERTHELESS I LIVE; YET NOT I, BUT
CHRIST LIVETH IN ME: AND THE LIFE WHICH
I NOW LIVE IN THE FLESH I LIVE BY THE
FAITH OF THE SON OF GOD, WHO LOVED ME,
AND GAVE HIMSELF FOR ME.**

GALATIANS 2:20 KJV



**I HAVE BEEN
CRUCIFIED
WITH CHRIST;**

**IT IS NO LONGER I WHO LIVE,
BUT CHRIST LIVES IN ME;**

**AND THE LIFE WHICH I
NOW LIVE IN THE FLESH
I LIVE BY FAITH
IN THE SON OF GOD,
WHO LOVED ME
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FOR ME.**

GALATIANS 2:20



Baxter Kruger on trusting in 'The Faith OF Jesus', not our faith

BONUS Video: Baxter Kruger on being saved by the Faith OF Jesus

and teachers. 12 for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ; 13 until we all attain to the **unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a mature man, to the measure of the stature which belongs to the fulness of Christ.**" NASB

(Cf. Eph 3:19 "and to know the love of Christ which surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled up to all the fulness of God," and Col 3:8-10: "9 For in Him all the **fulness of Deity dwells in bodily form,** and in Him you have been made full (complete), and He is the head over all rule and authority."

Eph 3:11-12

"This was in accordance with the eternal purpose which He carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have boldness and confident access through the faith (in/of) Him" (or through His faithfulness).

Gal 2:16

"Nevertheless knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the Law but through faith in Christ Jesus, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, that we may be justified by faith in Christ, and not by the works of the Law" NASB

1,108 words



(to play Baxter's "*The Faith OF Jesus*" video, click link below)

<https://vimeopro.com/user2890445/inspiring-music-and-videos/video/824771829>

Freed by God's Unconditional Love to be the Real You:
Living Authentically in the Continuing Humanity of Jesus

Gal 2:20 MIRROR

²⁰ So here I am dead and alive at the same time! I'm dead to the old me I was trying to be and alive to the real me which is Christ in me! Co-crucified, now co-alive!

What a glorious entanglement! I was in him in his death;
now he is in me in my life!

For the first time I'm free to be me in my skin,
immersed in his faith in our joint-sonship!

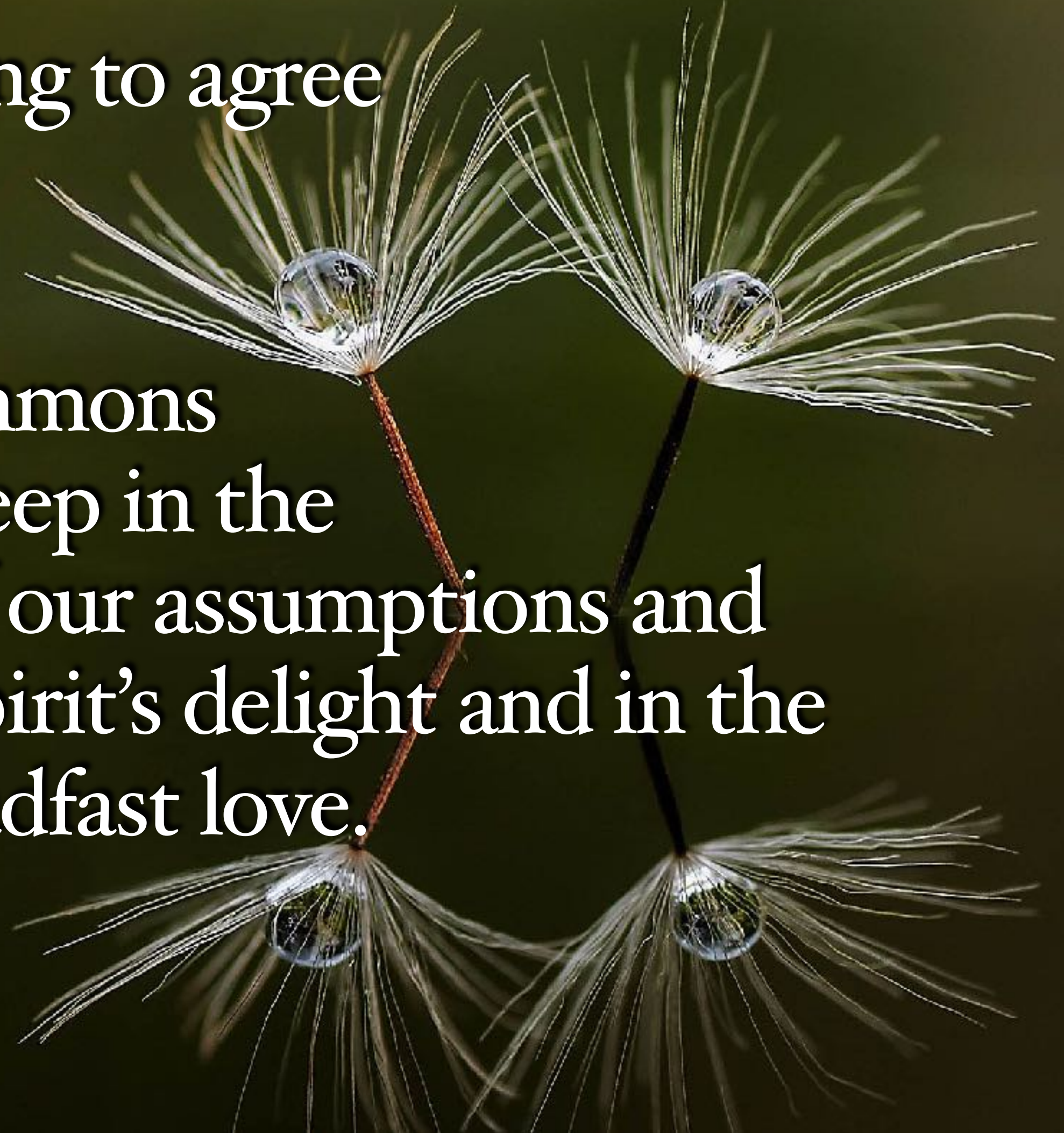
He loves me and believes in me! He is God's gift to me!

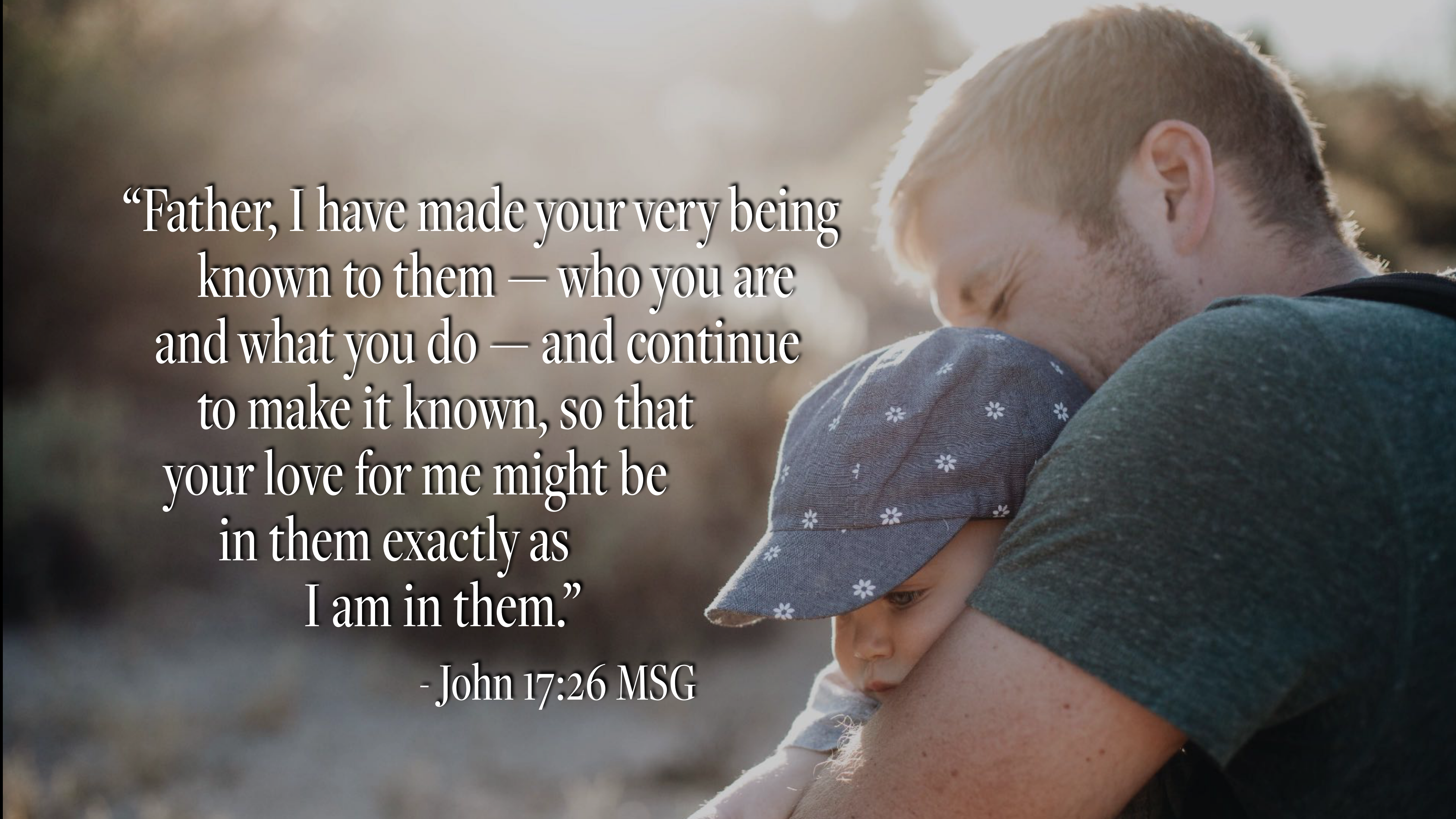
“...Faith does not create union with Christ; faith is believing the union is true, which leads into ever increasing freedom to experience Jesus himself and his Father in the Holy Spirit.

Faith is seeing with Jesus' eyes and learning to agree with him in trust, and thus share in his peace and hope and joy...

The Son of God in his union with us summons us in the Spirit to believe, to trust, to weep in the hope of his presence in us, to let go of our assumptions and illusions and share life with him in the Spirit's delight and in the unearthly assurance of our Father's steadfast love.

This is the fight of faith, a fight between the believing of Jesus Christ himself and our own believing.”



A close-up photograph of a man with short, light-colored hair and a beard, wearing a dark green t-shirt. He is holding a baby in his arms. The baby is wearing a blue cap with white floral patterns and a light-colored shirt. The man's face is partially visible in profile, looking down at the baby. The background is softly blurred, suggesting an outdoor setting with natural light.

“Father, I have made your very being
known to them — who you are
and what you do — and continue
to make it known, so that
your love for me might be
in them exactly as
I am in them.”

- John 17:26 MSG

Video Reflection: Letting God Love Us As We Are, Wherever We Are

Are you in a place where you can hear me?

(to play "*Within, Everywhere and Always*" reflection video, click link below)
[https://vimeopro.com/user2890445/perfect-love-inspiration-and-encouragement/
video/803576316](https://vimeopro.com/user2890445/perfect-love-inspiration-and-encouragement/video/803576316)

A serene sunset scene over a beach. The sky is a mix of soft pinks, oranges, and yellows, with the sun low on the horizon. The ocean reflects these colors, and the sandy beach in the foreground is also bathed in the warm light. In the distance, a rocky island or headland is silhouetted against the bright sky.

"I am loved and have always been loved
and will always, always be loved. I have
never been separated from this love,
I have only convinced myself I was."

Glennon Doyle Melton